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PSAT, ACT vs SAT Now What? The Digital SAT WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

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THE DIGITAL SAT®: WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

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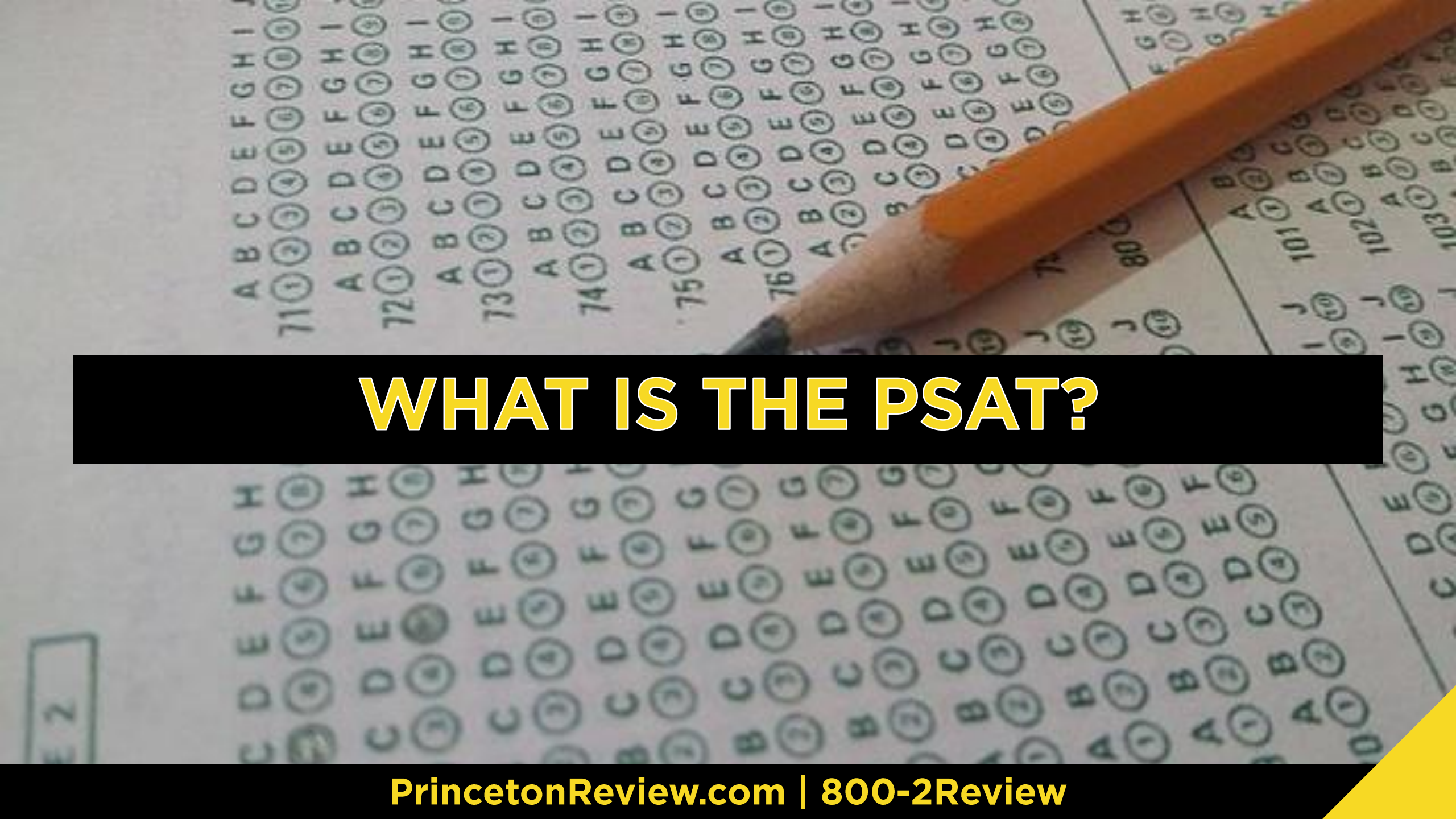
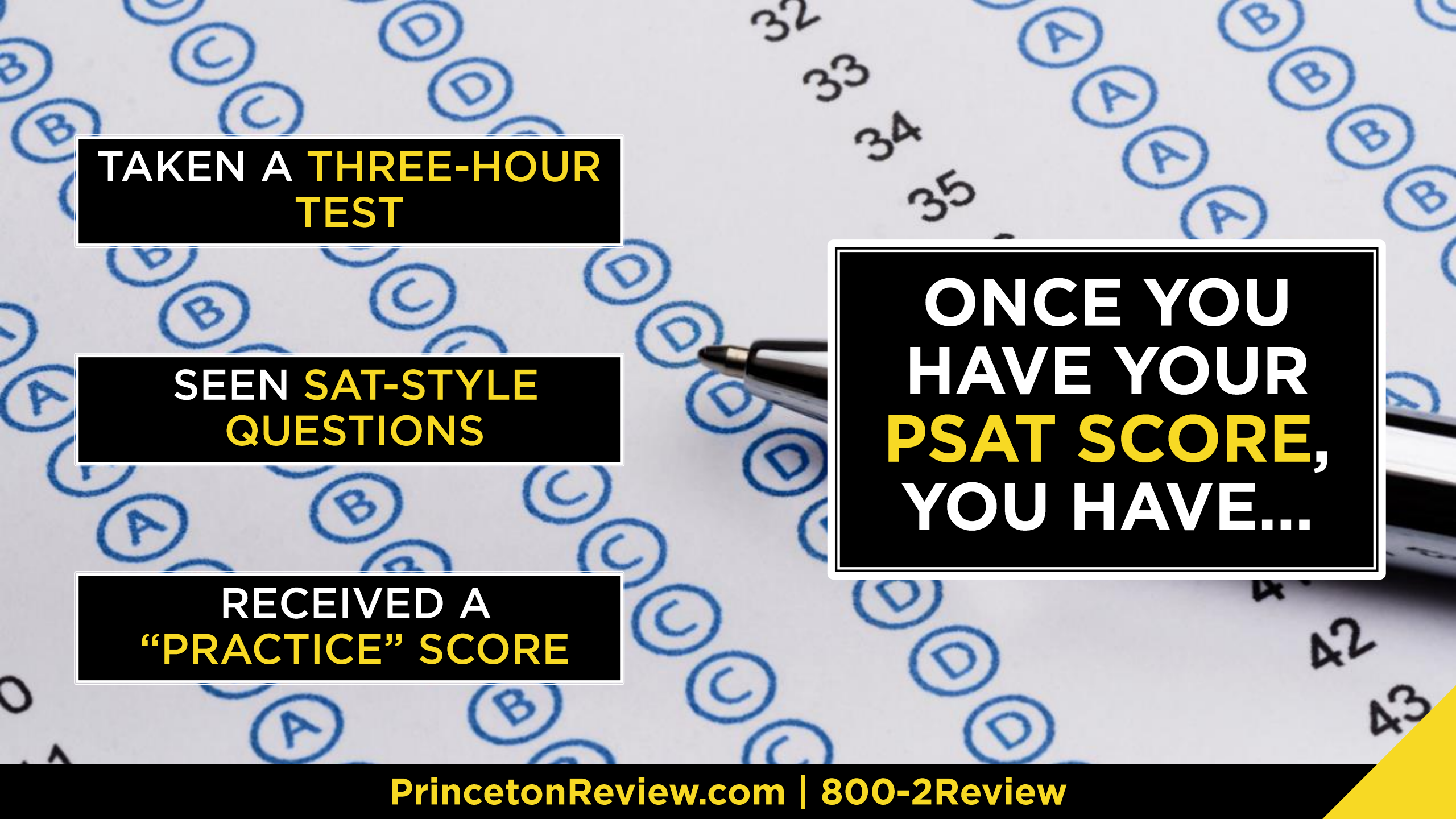


WHAT IS THE PSAT?

THE PSAT IS NEARLY IDENTICAL TO THE SAT

SAT	SAT Questions	SAT Time	PSAT Questions	PSAT Time
Reading	52	65 minutes	47	60 minutes
Writing and Language	44	35 minutes	44	35 minutes
Math – no calculator	20	25 minutes	17	21 minutes
Math – calculator	38	55 minutes	31	45 minutes


TAKEN A THREE-HOUR TEST
SEEN SAT-STYLE QUESTIONS
RECEIVED A "PRACTICE" SCORE
ONCE YOU HAVE YOUR PSAT SCORE, YOU HAVE...

SAT vs ACT: Test Optional Admissions

DO SAT AND ACT SCORES STILL MATTER?

TEST REQUIRED
6% of SCHOOLS

TEST FLEXIBLE
3% of SCHOOLS

TEST OPTIONAL
85% of SCHOOLS

TEST FREE
7% of SCHOOLS

STILL WANT TO SEE HIGH TEST SCORES IF SUBMITTED
93% of SCHOOLS

BOTH THE SAT AND ACT HAVE...

THREE HOURS OF TESTING TIME

MULTIPLE CHOICE QUESTIONS

SPECIFIC SUBJECTS

ACT SECTION BY SECTION

SECTION	TIME	QUESTIONS
English	45 minutes	75 questions
Math	60 minutes	60 questions
Reading	35 minutes	40 questions
Science	35 minutes	40 questions
Essay (Optional)	40 minutes	1 question
TOTAL	215 minutes	216 questions

SAT SECTION BY SECTION

SECTION	TIME	QUESTIONS
Reading	65 minutes	52 questions
Writing & Language	35 minutes	44 questions
Math (No Calculator)	25 minutes	20 questions
Math (Calculator)	55 minutes	38 questions
TOTAL	180 minutes	154 questions

WHAT IS A GOOD SCORE?

A GOOD SCORE IS THE SCORE THAT GETS YOU INTO YOUR DREAM COLLEGE

WHAT'S CHANGING ON THE SAT

THE SAT
IS GOING
DIGITAL
NOT
ONLINE

NOT AN AT-HOME EXAM
INCREASED SAT SCHOOL DAYS
STILL PROCTORED IN-PERSON
TAKEN AT A TESTING CENTER

THE DIGITAL SAT APP
TAKEN ON A LAPTOP OR TABLET
DEVICE CAN BE A STUDENT'S OR PROVIDED
WON'T END WITH INTERNET ISSUES
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A STREAMLINED SAT

TWO-HOUR TEST INSTEAD OF A THREE-HOUR TEST

SHORTER SECTIONS

FEWER QUESTIONS

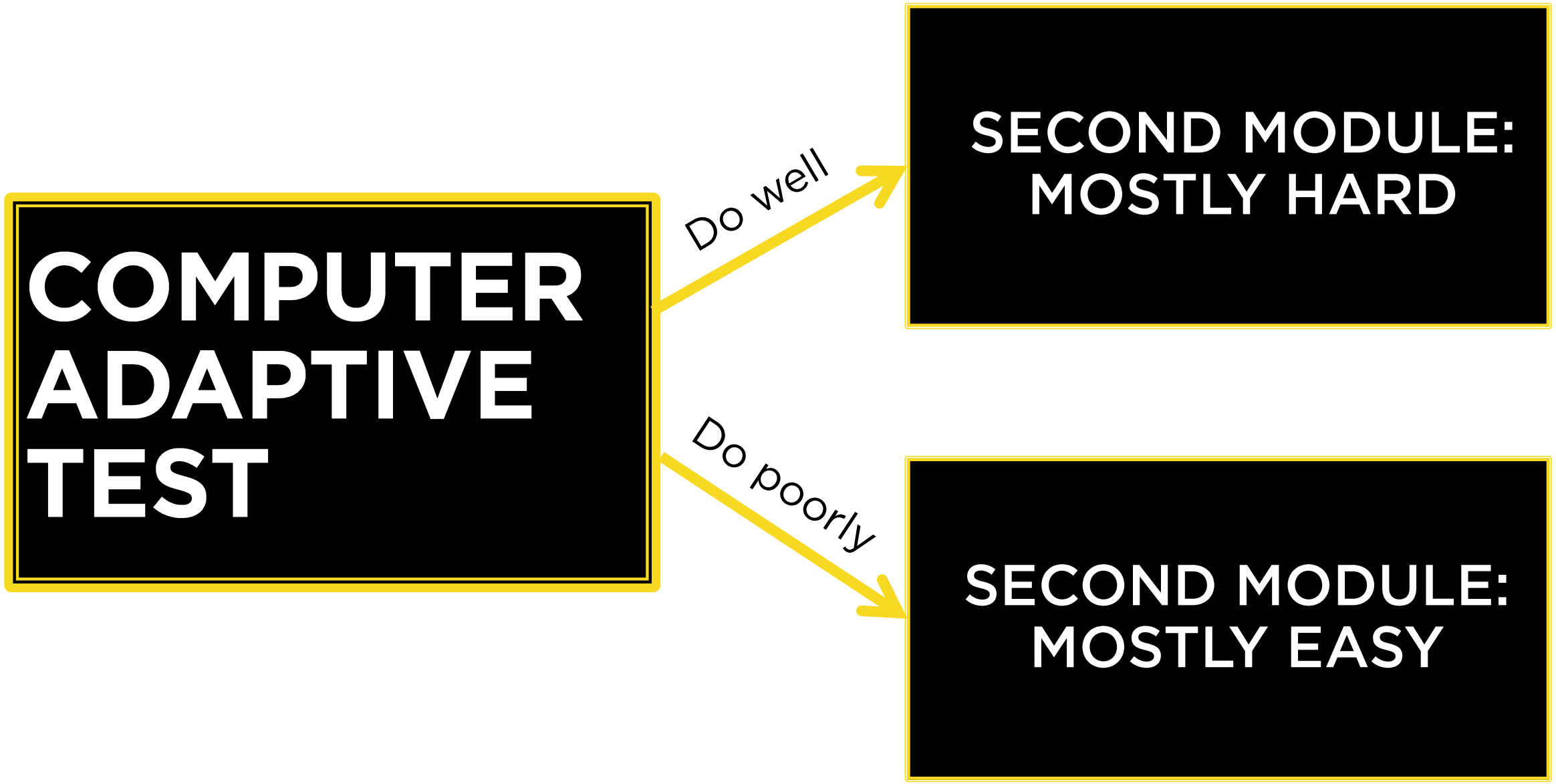
REDUCED FATIGUE

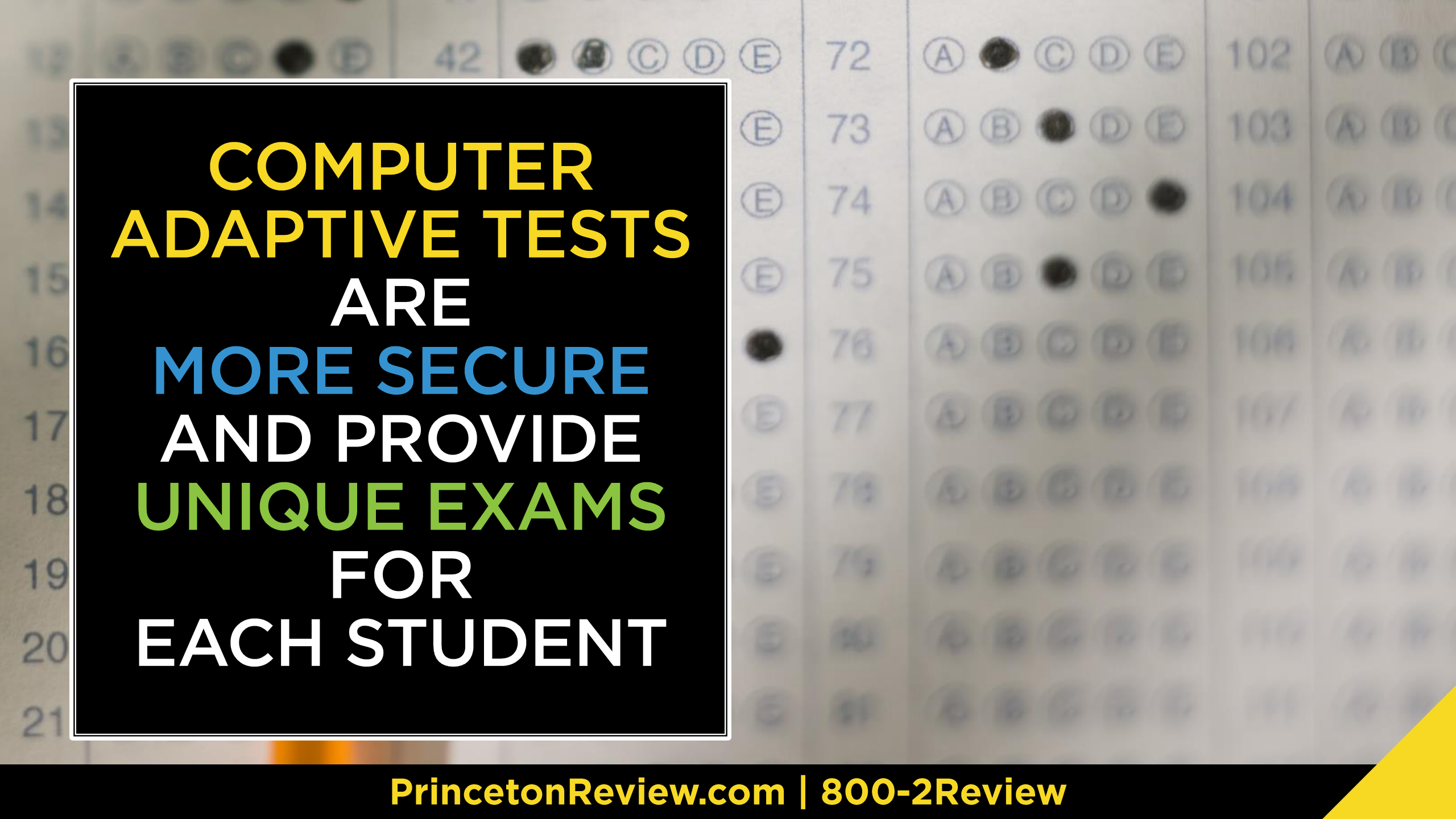
A STREAMLINED SAT

SHORTER READING PASSAGES

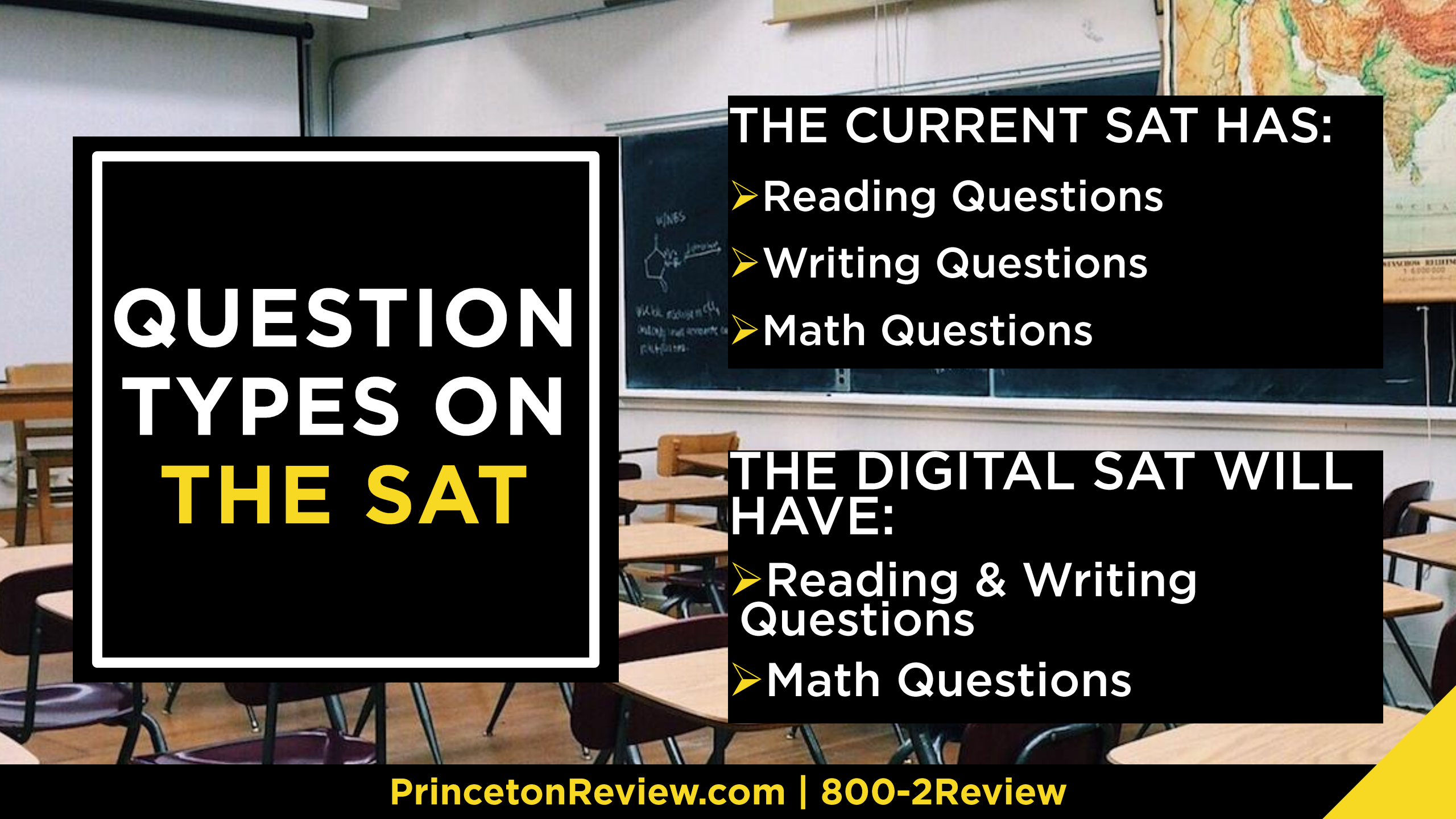
FEWER WORD PROBLEMS

BUILT-IN GRAPHING CALCULATOR


COMPUTER ADAPTIVE TEST
Do well
SECOND MODULE: MOSTLY HARD
Do poorly
SECOND MODULE: MOSTLY EASY


COMPUTER
ADAPTIVE TESTS
ARE
MORE SECURE
AND PROVIDE
UNIQUE EXAMS
FOR
EACH STUDENT

WHAT'S NOT CHANGING ON THE SAT



QUESTION TYPES ON THE SAT

THE CURRENT SAT HAS:

- Reading Questions
- Writing Questions
- Math Questions

THE DIGITAL SAT WILL HAVE:

- Reading & Writing Questions
- Math Questions

THE SAT WILL STILL BE SCORED ON THE SAME
400-1600 SCALE
ALLOWING THE TWO VERSIONS TO BE USED THE
SAME WAY

WHAT THE DIGITAL SAT MEANS FOR YOU

COLLEGES WILL VIEW THE SAT THE SAME WAY
COLLEGES CONSULTED ON THE NEW SAT
VALIDITY STUDIES ON SAT SCORES
COLLEGES CAN STILL BE TEST-OPTIONAL
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THERE IS STILL TIME

	INT'L SAT	PSAT	US SAT
SPRING 2023	DIGITAL	PAPER	PAPER
FALL 2023	DIGITAL	DIGITAL	PAPER
SPRING 2024	DIGITAL	DIGITAL	DIGITAL

PAPER & PENCIL
OFFERED UNTIL 2024
YOU CAN TAKE
BOTH VERSIONS
YOU CAN STILL TAKE
THE ACT
YOU CAN
STILL TAKE
THE CURRENT
VERSION

THE DIGITAL SAT WILL STILL BE A STANDARDIZED TEST
AND ANY STANDARDIZED TEST CAN BE BEATEN
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